

was promoted to Sheriff Sergeant in 1978. Since then, he has worked in Corrections, Narcotics and Detectives, along with Administrative Services. Gary was then promoted to Commander in May 1991.

In addition to his work at the Department, Gary has taught Administration of Justice classes at Merced College and possesses a lifetime teaching credential for California Community College in the Law Enforcement Field. He has a Bachelor's Degree from Chapman University in Administration of Justice and graduated with honors.

Gary was appointed to the Office of Sheriff-Coroner of Merced County by the Merced County Board of Supervisors and took office on May 5, 2001. He has three children, Juliette, Matthew and Christian. He is married to his wife, Linn.

It is my honor and privilege to recognize Sheriff Gary Carlson for his service to the Merced community and to our nation. Throughout his career, he has distinguished himself as a leader and mentor. It is my honor to call Sheriff Carlson my friend. I am delighted to recognize his service and his retirement as I wish he and Linn all the best in their future.

IN HONOR OF CAROL CRUDEN

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 29, 2003

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the many accomplishments of Carol Cruden, who was recognized Friday, January 24th, at Ireland's 32 annual dinner dance held at the Hi-Hat Club in Bayonne, New Jersey.

A Bayonne native, Carol Cruden has dedicated her life to creating a healthier and more educated community. She is currently the president of the Hudson County School Nurses Association, a member of the New Jersey Association of Health Educators, and the Family Life Education Council. She has been the director of Bayonne Public School Nurses for 25 years, supervisor of Employee Health Services for the Board of Education since 1991, and is a part-time nursing supervisor at Bayonne Medical Center. For her work towards the prevention of child abuse, Carol was nominated by the New Jersey School Nurses Association as the 2001 honoree of the New Jersey Child Assault Prevention Project.

She is a member of the Gold Star Wives of America, Mayor's Council on AIDS Awareness, Nursing Advisory Committee for Bayonne Medical Center School of Nursing, Bayonne's Community Health Steering Council Secretary for the Advocates of Bayonne Children, and Ireland's 32.

An accomplished student, Carol graduated from Bayonne High School and Holy Name Hospital School of Nursing. She earned her B.A. and M.A. from Jersey City State College, receiving the academic distinctions of Magna Cum Laude and membership to the Kappa Delta Phi National Honor Society. Carol is a certified school nurse and a teacher of licensed practical nursing.

Carol, the only child of Sarah and Hugh Finney, married the late Marine Staff Sergeant Donald Cruden, and has three children, Daniel, Michael, and Sally.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Carol Cruden for her positive influence and hard work on behalf of the nursing community and all of Bayonne's residents. Thanks to Carol, Bayonne is a healthier and happier community.

TRIBUTE TO DAVID K. MORRIS

HON. NORMAN D. DICKS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 29, 2003

Mr. DICKS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a great American, Mr. David K. Morris. After 8 years as the Superintendent of the Olympic National Forest, David has accepted a position in the Peace Corps as the Country Director for the African country of Zambia.

David has worked for the National Forest Service for 37 years, including as the Superintendent at Crater Lake National Park and Katmai National Park. In addition, he served as assistant superintendent for Canyonlands and Arches National Parks and Natural Bridges National Monument. David has also served the Park Service in Hawaii and San Francisco.

David began his service as the Superintendent of the beautiful Olympic National Park in November 1994. During his tenure at Olympic, David has overseen a number of important improvements and accomplishments, including purchase of the two Elwha River dams, establishment of the Friends of Olympic National Park and initiation of the park's General Management Plan. In addition, he has worked toward the general rehabilitation of visitor's centers, park roads, and over 600 miles of park trails. Under David's leadership, the Olympic National Park has become one of the most visited National Parks in the Nation.

The National Park Service has recognized David's work with two awards, the Superior Service Award in 1991 and the Meritorious Service Award in 1999.

David's career has included two foreign assignments, first as a Peace Corps park planner in Malawi, Africa, between 1974 and 1976 and later as a National Park advisor to Sri Lanka from 1987 to 1988. Additionally, he completed short-term advisory assignments in American Samoa, Costa Rica, Hungary, Argentina, the Republic of Georgia, Russia, United Arab Emirates, and South Africa.

I thank David for his tremendous service to the Olympic National Park. I wish David all the best in his future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO FRAN WAGSTAFF ON THE OCCASION OF HER 20 YEARS OF LEADERSHIP OF THE MID-PENINSULA HOUSING COALITION

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 29, 2003

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a great American and most distinguished Californian, Fran Wagstaff, for her 20 years of leadership as the executive director of the Mid-Peninsula Housing Coalition, MPHIC, of Redwood City, CA.

Fran Wagstaff joined the Mid-Peninsula Housing Coalition in 1983 and since that time she has become known as the premier person and leader in affordable housing in the 14th Congressional District of California and throughout our region. With Fran Wagstaff's leadership, Mid-Peninsula Housing Coalition is considered the "gold standard" for providing affordable housing for the people of San Mateo, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Alameda, Monterey, Solano, and Contra Costa Counties in California. Today, thousands of families who work locally but would otherwise be priced out of the local housing market have safe, attractive, affordable housing.

Fran Wagstaff has been responsible for the development of over 80 affordable housing projects, creating more than 2,500 new affordable housing units. Beyond the creation of new housing, under her leadership MPHIC has been able to acquire and rehabilitate another 2,500 units for low-income individuals and families. Fran Wagstaff and her team have also created six facilities for homeless families, ensuring that everyone has a place to live. Her work and her vision helped to create Shelter Network of San Mateo County, a highly respected nonprofit organization which operates local homeless shelters and programs to help people end the cycle of homelessness. She's also been a leader in the effort to develop a housing trust fund for San Mateo County.

Before joining MPHIC, Fran served as executive director of the Community Housing Improvement Program, CHIP, a private nonprofit housing agency that provides a variety of housing services to low-income households in predominantly rural areas. Through her leadership, CHIP was able to help thousands of people find a place to live, whether it was through the conversion of vacant buildings, the development of cooperatives for low-income families or the rehabilitation of existing homes.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring this great and good woman. Fran Wagstaff is one of the most exceptional, effective and respected leaders in our community and through her commitment and professionalism, she has made our communities and our country a better place for all.

SUPPORTING EFFORTS TO PROMOTE GREATER AWARENESS OF NEED FOR YOUTH MENTORS AND INCREASED INVOLVEMENT WITH YOUTH THROUGH MENTORING

SPEECH OF

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 27, 2003

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Res. 25, a resolution commending those who give their time and talents to supporting mentoring programs. I support the efforts to promote greater awareness of the need for youth mentors and the increasing involvement with youth through mentoring.

17.6 million young people, nearly half of the youth population, want or need the help of mentors to help them achieve their full potential. Currently only 2.5 million young people are in formal mentoring relationships, leaving